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1. ISRAEL SUBCOMMITTEE AGREES TO MID-OCTOBER DATE FOR MEETING. CHAIRMAN YAACOV STRONGLY URGES GROUP MEET ENTIRE WEEK OCTOBER 14 RATHER THAN PROPOSED PERIOD OCTOBER 16-18.

2. 10 PAGE ROUGH DRAFT SUMMARIZING PRESENT INDUSTRIAL R&D ACTIVITIES AND GENERAL PROPOSALS FOR US-ISRAEL COOPERATION BEING POUCHED TODAY. COPY ALSO FORWARDED THROUGH ISRAELI EMBASSY.

3. PROPOSALS VERY COMPREHENSIVE EMBRACING VIRTUALLY ALL INDUSTRIAL AREAS AND CONCEIVABLE FORMS OF US ASSISTANCE: INFORMATION EXCHANGE, FINANCIAL SUPPORT, PERSONNEL EXCHANGE, COOPERATIVE PROJECTS, ETC. SELECTIVE LISTING OF PROPOSALS FOLLOWS:

4. AGREEMENTS PROPOSED FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
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AND R&D COOPERATION IN:

- (A) ENERGY (PRIMARILY SOLAR)
- (B) INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY (RECYCLING, SEWAGE DISPOSAL, BEACH AND SHORELINE TREATMENT)
- (C) AGRO-INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS (AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY, IRRIGATION TECHNOLOGY, HARVESTING MECHANIZATION, FERTILIZERS)
- (D) BIO-MEDICAL ENGINEERING (MEDICAL ELECTRONICS, DIAGNOSTIC PREPARATIONS AND INSTRUMENTATION, PHARMACEUTICAL R&D)
- (E) FOOD AND MICROBIOLOGICAL INDUSTRIES (WASTE PRODUCT UTILIZATION, PRESERVATION TECHNIQUES, FOOD STANDARDS)
- (F) MINERALS (MINING TECHNOLOGY, MINERAL PROSPECTING)
- (G) HOUSING (MATERIALS, TECHNIQUES, PREFABRICATION)
- (H) LDC ASSISTANCE (ARID ZONE TECHNOLOGY, DESALINATION, FISH BREEDING)
- (I) INDUSTRIAL RD (MARKETING, ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT)
- (J) QUALITY CONTROL (INSPECTION SYSTEM, GUIDELINES)

5. ISRAEL WISHES DEVELOP COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARALLEL INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES, E.G. FIBRES, PLASTICS, FOOD, CERAMICS, ETC.

6. WISHES INTEGRATION INTO AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS. PROPOSES ESTABLISHMENT OF BINATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF INDUSTRIAL R&D MANAGERS; VISIT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN SCIENCE-BASED INDUSTRIES; INCLUSION IN INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL R&D AGENCIES; DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANIZATION TO AID LDC'S; SABBATICAL TOURS OF ISRAELI SCIENTISTS IN AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

7. DESIRES GREATER ACCESS TO AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION. PROPOSES CLEARINGHOUSE FOR ISRAELI REQUESTS FOR KNOW-HOW AND POTENTIAL MARKETS AND INVESTORS; USG ASSISTANCE IN PURCHASING KNOW-HOW FROM PRIVATE FIRMS; ASSISTANCE BY US EXPERTS IN IDENTIFYING MARKETS FOR SCIENCE BASED PRODUCTS; AID IN ESTABLISHING LOCAL PLANTS FROM US FIRMS.

8. USG FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTED FOR: ESTABLISH-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENT OF BINATIONAL FUND FOR INDUSTRIAL R&D; BINATIONAL FUND TO IMPORT KNOW-HOW TO AID FLEDGLING INDUSTRIES; FUND TO FINANCE EXPERT EXCHANGES, CONFERENCES, STUDY GROUPS, ETC; AID TO STRENGTHEN INDUSTRIAL R&D STRUCTURE IN ISRAEL; SUBSIDY TO AMERICAN FIRMS ESTABLISHING PLANTS IN ISRAEL BASED ON ISRAELI R&D; EASING RESTRICTIONS ON USG TECHNICAL AGENCIES' SUPPORT OF RESEARCH IN ISRAEL.

EMBASSY COMMENT:

1. EMBASSY HAS POINTED OUT UNREALISTIC SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE OF ISRAELI PROPOSALS. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ADMIT UNOFFICIALLY THEY HAVE NO HOPES OF ACHIEVING ENTIRE PROGRAM. PURPOSE IS TO ALLOW PRELIMINARY SCREENING BY US GROUP AND SELECTION OF MOST PROMISING CANDIDATES FOR DETAILED DISCUSSION.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE FUND FOR INDUSTRIAL R&D SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY AS WELL AS CUMBERSOME AND INEFFICIENT. IF PROPOSAL TO INCREASE ENDOWMENT OF BINATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION IS APPROVED, SUBCOMMITTEE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ALLOCATION OF PORTION OF FUND FOR INDUSTRIAL R&D, EXCHANGE, MEETINGS, ETC.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES, AND HAS SUGGESTED TO ISRAELIS, THAT COOPERATION IN PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD BE DEVELOPED DIRECTLY RATHER THAN THROUGH GOVERNMENTAL CHANNELS. ONE POSSIBILITY FOR SUCH LIAISON IS THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (IRI) WHICH REPRESENTS THE MAJOR US INDUSTRIAL LABORATORIES. DISCUSSION WITH IRI REPRESENTATIVES PRIOR TO OCTOBER MEETING MAY REVEAL POSSIBLE AREAS FOR COOPERATION. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS GORDON MCBRIDE, IRI INC, 100 PARK AVE, NEW YORK CITY; PRESIDENT IS DR N BRUCE HANNAY, VICE PRESIDENT BELL LABORATORIES, MURRAY HILL, NY; PRESIDENT ELECT IS DR ARTHUR M BUECHE, VICE PRESIDENT FOR R&D, GENERAL ELECTRIC, SCHENECTADY, NY.

4. ISRAEL ANXIOUS UTILIZE MANAGERIAL TALENT IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL SECTORS. THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS PROGRAM WOULD SEEM SUITED TO PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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